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Danger Signal

THROUGHOUT the United Nations the biggest question today is whether or not a second land front can be opened to win the war against Fascism in 1942 if successful, or whether it must be postponed for military considerations, no risk being taken now, and the war extended several years.

Throughout the United States the afternoon of July 23 many newspapers carried sensational headlines of which the following are samples:

2nd FRONT IS SKY OVER
GERMANY
BOMB NAZIS OUT OF
WAR! SAYS STOKES

This story, written by Thomas L. Stokes, was broadcast by the Scripps-Howard newspapers (19 in 18 cities) and printed in many others. It is copyright and marked "Reviewed by U S Office of Censorship" thus giving it a sort of semi-official standing in the eyes of persons ignorant of the facts. The most important lines are:

"Give the Cologne-Essen-Emden treatment, whereby fleets of a thousand British bombers paralyzed those war production centers, to the 28 other key industrial cities of Germany. . . .

"1000 bombers, carrying 3000 or more tons of bombs, over one after another of these cities, night after night, to annihilate German war production and transportation by the sole use of bombing, against which the enemy has no present adequate defense."

The entire yarn is what is known in the journalistic trade as a "think piece" or dope. It is also known as an inside page "feature story," and Stokes is not to blame. The way the Scripps-Howard press played it up, devoting the main part of the front news page to it, with the entire news of the world war secondary, is the important thing.

Facts on Air Raids

WHAT are the facts on the 1000-bomber raids on Germany? The facts as proved by photographs and British official statements are that one successful raid was carried out against Cologne. IN FACT learns that between eight and ten thousand persons were killed in the Cologne raid, 250 factories were smashed. So many homes were destroyed it was necessary to find shelter for an estimated 100,000. This means that many workers for munitions plants were not available.

But it is apparent that no similar success has followed. The British used 1000 bombers, then 300 to 500, and the American press reported Essen, Luebeck, Emden and Kiel and other munitions centers destroyed. Cartoons showed the procession of cities destroyed. Editorials predicted Hitler would soon be destroyed

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THE MAIN WAR FRONT is the 1800-mile line from Murmansk to the river Don; the Second Front has not yet been opened, and the third front is within every nation fighting Fascism, the home front.

Att'y Gen'l Biddle has finally obtained indictments of 28 native American Fascists who are charged with either preaching native Fascism or repeating the propaganda from Germany, in their publications, their pulpits or over the radio, publicly and privately.

Here are a few facts not generally mentioned in the press:

1. All the indicted Fascists were known to Martin Dies and his fellow travelers of the Un-American committee, who refused to take action. They worked along the same line for 4 years.

2. The big American Fascists were not indicted, not named.

3. The financial backers of some of the 28 were not indicted.

4. Several members of Congress, notably Rep Clare E Hoffman of Michigan, cooperated with the men accused of sedition.

5. Although Social Justice was investigated by the Washington Grand Jury from whom Biddle obtained the indictments, no indictment was handed down against Charles E Coughlin, founder, nor E Perrin Schwartz, editor.

6. Named as seditious by the jury was the monthly The Cross and the Flag. But no indictment was found against its owner and publisher, Gerald L K Smith.

7. Named as seditious was the Constitutional Educational League of Connecticut and NYC, but its head, Joseph Kamp, was not indicted. Kamp was exposed by the LaFollette Committee as a supplier of propaganda for corporations fighting the CIO. Kamp, in addition to supplying his own Fascist propaganda to the National Association of Manufacturers, and its individual members, reprinted and supplied the propaganda of Rep Hoffman, and George E Sokolsky, also exposed by LaFollette Committee as secretly in the pay of NAM while writing a syndicated newspaper column.

8. Martin Dies was not indicted although the Vice-President of the U S publicly declared that Dies should be on Goebbels' payroll, and the Federal Communications Commission supplied documentary evidence that Dies is the American most favored by the Berlin propaganda ministry. The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, Geo Marshall, chairman, has petitioned Roosevelt, Wallace, Biddle, Speaker Rayburn and US Prosecutor Malone to investigate the Dies Committee via the FBI; Marshall charged that Viereck "was repeatedly shielded by Dies," that Dies "whitewashed Winrod when the latter's Nazi affiliations were exposed," and that Dies was affiliated with seditious forces via the Constitutional Educational League.

9. The Ku Klux Klan was named as seditious but nothing was done about its leaders.

10. Court Asher, editor of X-Ray, one of the men indicted for spreading sedition, swore he received no propaganda from Nazi Germany but merely rewrote Chicago Tribune. Neither Tribune nor its owner, McCormick, was indicted.

11. Wm Dudley Pelley, leader of Silver Shirts and one of Martin Dies' strongest supporters, and his publication, "The Galilean," were charged with sedition. Pelley said: "There hasn't been a damn thing in the magazine that Boake Carter, 'Iron Pants' Johnson, Father Coughlin and others haven't said also." Gen Johnson, one of a dozen Scripps-Howard anti-labor columnists, is dead. Boake Carter, anti-labor radio speaker, continues.

12. Although Smith's Cross and Flag was called seditious, nothing was said about the following: Senator Reynolds, chairman of Military Affairs Comm, who endorsed magazine; Senator Nye who according to Smith wrote in saying magazine was "excellent"; Rep Roy Woodruff of Michigan who called Smith a patriot and inserted extracts from magazine in Congressional Record (Mar 26).

13. Arrested for alleged sedition was Wm Kullgren, publisher of "Beacon Light." Apparently the publication was about to suspend. Said Kullgren (June issue): "I often think my work is practically done . . . because W R Hearst

in his column is talking as strongly and plainly as I could do, and his daily column is well worth reading; also those columns of Rothwell Brown and Paul Mallon, and sometimes Boake Carter has some things to tell."

Griffin Indictment Frightens Big Publishers

The nearest thing to a big shot in the indictments is Viereck, who is already in jail. All the rest are small-fry Fascists, although it is true some of them were backed by powerful men and organizations—but these were not named, and probably will not be named in the trials.

William Griffin, publisher of the NY Enquirer, which gets most of its revenue from race track touts' ads, is one of the best known among the indicted. The Enquirer has been the leading paper boosting William Randolph Hearst and the Christian Front. It defended the Christian Front during the trial of 18 members at a time it was admitted many of them used the picture of the President for a target in rifle range practice. Griffin was supported by Coughlin, Curran, the Brooklyn Tablet and other pro-Fascists, especially the Franco-Spain brand.

[Note to readers: Fascism knows neither "race" (which scientifically is non-existent) nor religion, color or nationality. Fascism is always anti-liberal, anti-labor. Coughlin attacked the CIO, GLK Smith attacked labor, Winrod of Kansas attacked labor. The FBI is looking for a Rev Moltzahn as a leader of the Nazi Bund in New Jersey. IN FACT does not know whether Smith and Winrod, also Norriss and a dozen others, are still preachers, but IN FACT is not interested in their church affiliations. It will continue to expose Fascists regardless of affiliation, also pro-Fascist organizations whether or not they call themselves Christian Front, Protestant War Veterans, etc. IN FACT does not employ the Pegler type of journalism by which an organization is smeared for the sins of one or two officials. The Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Mohammedan and other religions include many Fascists but the churches themselves are not Fascist. IN FACT will not indulge in religious controversy, and its exposés of Coughlin, Smith, Curran, Winrod and others who may or may not have a "Rev" in front of their names, must not be taken as criticism of their churches.]

The indictment of the Christian Front booster Griffin, who like the others is charged with endangering the morale of our soldiers, has caused considerable worry in the offices of bigger publishers who have followed the Nazi propaganda line. These publishers, exposed in the anti-Fascist press, are: McCormick of Chi Tribune; Patterson of NYDNews, Hearst, and Howard, the two last named owning 37 big papers.

Day following the first arrests Patterson's News said: "Of course, these are only indictments; the trials are yet to come. We suggest that the newspapers of the nation watch these trials closely as the Dep't of Justice pushes them along. The indictments and the trials may be aimed at setting some precedents." (Griffin's Enquirer echoed this, claiming Griffin's indictment endangered "freedom of the press.")

This editorial may have reference to the charge that the owners and publishers of some of our big newspapers have committed treason, made before the publishers' convention by Director MacLeish of Office of Facts and Figures recently. In the same speech MacLeish mentioned the betrayal of an Army Dep't document to the Nazis. This betrayal was made by Col McCormick's Chicago Tribune and Cap't Patterson's NYDNews. Several anti-Fascist organizations have demanded that the Dep't of Justice bring charges of sedition or treason against these papers, the biggest in the country.

G L K SMITH BACKED BY ECONOMIC ROYALISTS

IN 1937 Edward A Powers, familiarly known as "Pat," sued the Rev Gerald L K Smith for his share in the profits of their native Fascist enterprise called The Committee of One Million. Powers said (in an action filed in the Supreme Court of New York) that Smith was keeping all the money, which consisted largely of donations from big shots in the National Ass'n of Manufacturers. Powers listed as Smith's main financial backers:

Wm Brown Bell, president of American Cyanamid Co; Lewis H Brown, president Johns-Manville Co, a House of Morgan corporation, one of the concerns whose stock was given to Morgan's friends, including Calvin Coolidge, at half price (3,000 shares of Standard Brands at \$10); Charles Costa of Costa Trucking Co; James A Noe, ex-gov of Louisiana, and Mark Wolff, said to be an accountant for a Louisiana public utility.

All these men were anti-labor, anti-New Deal. Powers' documents said Smith, Preston Delcazal, and he formed a partnership to start the Fascist movement right after the 1936 elections. Organized Nov 15, it was launched with money from Bell, Brown and others, in March. As is typical of patrioteers, the official announcement of the Rev GLK Smith declared against "subversive" and "un-American" activities, but according to Powers it was strictly anti-labor and anti-New Deal. One of its main objectives was to carry out the wishes of Bell and Brown and fight the CIO, also John L Lewis, and President Roosevelt, all three of whom were labeled communists. The Powers bill of particulars as filed in the court says:

"One of the principal items of income was the subsidies or contributions of

through the destruction of his war plants.

However, London's Tribune (June 19) states: "As a contrast to the publicity for the Cologne raid, the Essen affair has quietly passed into public oblivion. Why are there no snaps of Krupps razed to the ground and industrial Essen blazing? Is it because even a thousand bombers can fail to attain their objective?"

The reader must remember that this statement passed the British censorship. The Nazis know whether or not the British raids are destroying their cities and munitions plants. Some British and US officials know. The editor of the Tribune probably knows. Therefore his statement indicating that air raids achieve little is of utmost importance, having passed the censor. The Tribune, which states the views of independent labor and favors an immediate opening of a second front on land as the only way to win in 1942, instead of 1944 or 1948, also states that "Churchill has won the battle of the headlines." It shows how Churchill got the headlines when he took Cripps into his gov't, again with Commando raids when the people demanded action, "then came the 1000-bomber raid on Cologne, and the political barometer of Gov't popularity rose. . . . More success in the headlines of the press than has been realized against the German cities. The raid, so far, has not heralded a succession of similar attempts. . . . When is the final attack on the central citadel of the Fascist Powers going to open? . . . No clever propaganda can obscure it. The second front against the heart of Germany is the test by which the people will judge the British Gov't."

The facts are that the liberal British weekly knows much more about a bombing and a second front than the Howard press; that there is no evidence of important success in 1000 and 500-bomber raids; that the British labor weekly insists on a second front; that Roy Howard before Pearl Harbor was the leading pro-Japanese appeasement publisher in America; that Roy Howard's news service has been branded a liar by the President on other occasions; and that there is therefore every reason for Americans who want to win this war to regard the latest Howard sensation with suspicion. Similarly the Chi Tribune, which insists on demanding concentration of action against Japan, rather than a second front, is open to suspicion.

Labor for Second Front

IN Britain the demand for land action, somewhere between Norway and Spain, is voiced by millions. Labor and the Labor Party lead the people. However, it is reported that when Col Donovan visited London recently on a mission from the President he was told by certain American correspondents to tell Mr Roosevelt that only the reds and Lord Beaverbrook wanted a second front. This is a falsehood, because the majority, labor, was not mentioned. In the US, labor unions, which have done more for the war effort than any other part of society, lead in demanding a real war effort now. Lieut-Gov Odell Shepard of Conn, addressing CIO at Hartford July 21 said "the loudest and most impressive call that one hears from the ranks of labor is the call for a Second Front. No body of persons excepting the war leaders themselves has a better right than labor to make this demand. . . . Six weeks from now it will probably be

too late." Lieut Gov Shepard denounced the lies and slanders against labor by Westbrook Pegler and the "remarkable mannered utterances" against labor by Kaltenborn. The evidence, he said, was the opposite of what these men presented.

The CIO Council took a big ad in Hartford Times. Addressing the President, its headline was "Open Up That Second Front Now—We'll Keep Production Rolling." It spoke for war workers, 25,000 strong.

Standard of Living

BEHIND the tax bill fight, the inflation scare, the wage increase in "little steel," the Tory demand for "frozen" wages, the most important fact facing the American people is this: the standard of living must go down in order to pay for the war. Director of Research R V Gilbert of Office of Price Administration declares:

"Before the end of the war the living standards of the American people will be reduced below the level prevailing at the bottom of the great depression (early 1930's). No group can improve nor avoid a reduction of its living standards except at the expense of other groups. Those groups which are actually on a bare subsistence level cannot in fairness and common sense be expected to take any cut in their standard of living. But the rest of the people must accept curtailment of its living standard each according to his capacity."

Although this official plainly states that many people who work for a living—all the way from underpaid farm and industrial workers to sharecroppers—must not have their standard of living reduced, but those who can best afford it must do the paying, Time magazine, which lives on the money of wealthy advertisers falsifies the statement, by saying that "wage increases could only force the living cost higher, could result in no real gain to the workers." (July 27, p 12).

The Akron Beacon-Journal, which with 98% of the American press is anti-labor, takes the same line; it opposes the plan to raise wages for those getting substandard wages (and therefore living below the standards of decency), and asks "Who is going to define the substandard?"

Lewis Booth, associate editor, Official Union Journal, sends IN FACT the following reply:

"The standard has been defined by the Department of Labor, which found after a comprehensive survey that the very lowest income on which a family of five can live with some degree of decency and health is about \$2,000 a year. Harold J Ruttenberg, research director of the

certain prominent persons in NY and elsewhere . . . who were of the opinion that the activities of the Committee of One Million would insure their profit or promote their political views."

Under date of May 12-13, 1937 the McClure Newspaper Syndicate sent out a bulletin to the many newspapers which subscribe to its service, which stated:

"At a recent private dinner in NY an official of the American Cyanamid expressed in extreme form the bitterness toward the Administration which is typical of the personal reaction of many right wing leaders in business and finance. The gentleman in question asserted in so many words that 'the paranoic in the White House' is destroying the nation, that a couple of well-placed bullets would be the best thing for the country, and that he for one would buy a bottle of champagne as quick as he could get it to celebrate such news.

"This intemperate outburst drew no rebuke from his fellow diners, virtually all of whom worked and voted to beat Roosevelt last Fall. While they did not endorse the almost insane venom with which he spoke, they appeared to share the belief that it would be mightily beneficial to the country to change White House occupants by almost any means. This reaction is by no means rare among real and would-be economic royalists." (Published in editor's column by WT Evjue, The Progressive, May 29, 1937.)

In Report No 6, part 6 of the LaFollette Committee investigating violation of the rights of labor by the Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers (NAM) Pres Bell of American Cyanamid and Pres Brown of Johns-Manville are both listed in connection with the advertising by the NAM of "the American Way." "W B Bell, in addition to being a director . . . was active in the public relations comm and nat'l industrial information comm" (page 53), meaning he was a member of the anti-labor propaganda fund. Bell employed spies against labor (page 150).

The new National Industrial Information Council is raising a million dollar fund to fight labor (exposed in IN FACT May 11). Bell of Cyanamid is one of the main backers. The NIIC consists of the more Fascist-minded among the Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers. While it is true that there is a split in the NAM, and some leading manufacturers have decided to cooperate with labor in making the war production program a success, quite a number are again engaged in Fascist activities in the NIIC.

Subsidizers of American Fascism Still Active

In the new NIIC's executive board are included Lamot DuPont of the DuPont chemical and munitions empire, and Alfred P Sloan, Jr, head of General Motors.

In IN FACT (July 13) it was stated that the Nazi-American memorandum, drawn up by 7 Americans and two Nazi officials, one of the main paragraphs was written by the representative of the DuPont family, another by the representative of General Motors, both corporations having either smuggled munitions to Hitler from 1933 on, or established plants in Germany used to make war materials for Hitler.

The Washington New-Dealer, official organ Washington Commonwealth Federation, declared in a front-page story (July 16):

"These traitors and Fifth Columnists should not be allowed to enjoy their anonymity. This week the Washington Commonwealth Federation, in the interests of the safety of our country and the war effort of the Allied Nations, wired Senator Homer T Bone and Representatives Warren G Magnuson and John Coffee urging them to put the text of this 'Memorandum' in the Congressional Record and to demand a Congressional investigation to unmask the traitors who have been shielded by the Dies Committee and the appeasement press for years."

IN FACT learns from a member of Congress that it is considered unethical for a Representative to place in the Record any item reflecting on the actions of a Senator.

COLONEL McCORMICK ENDORSER OF MRS DILLING

MRS DILLING, most notorious among 28 indicted, has smeared every non-Fascist in America and lied about the President, the New Deal, and every liberal and pro-labor organization. She has had the heartiest endorsement of all native Fascists beginning with Col McCormick of the Chi Tribune. When Mrs Dilling published her compendium of bias, misstatement and falsehood known as the "Red Network" (which was sent to every chief of police of America by members of the National Ass'n of Manufacturers, who wanted strikes broken and labor powerless) Col McCormick wrote Mrs Dilling:

"I am glad to have it for reference and trust that the book will have a large sale so that Americans will know who are the enemies of society within our gates. You are to be commended highly for the patriotism and devotion to the welfare of your country that enabled you to publish this book."

(More on Mrs Dilling next week)

From labor's point of view the most important Fifth Columnist named in the indictment is the Constitutional Educational League of 831 Chapel St, New Haven, Conn and NYC, headed by Joseph P Kamp (who was not indicted.)

This is a strikebreaking organization which supplies "literature" consisting

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almost exclusively of propaganda and falsehood, to NAM members for strike-breaking purposes. By any definition Kamp and his CEL are 100% native Fascists.

The latest piece of propaganda this outfit issued was a map of the U S edited by Kamp and Major (?) A Cloyd Gill. In 1936 a man named A Cloyd Gill, working for Hearst, attended a meeting of preachers in Ashville. According to papers filed in the suit of WRHearst vs Friday magazine, Hearst's representative Gill, and Winrod tried to swing the entire congress to Fascism. Anti-Semitic speeches were made daily.

The Kamp-Gill map is based almost entirely upon the lies officially issued by the Dies Committee. With the map there is a "roll of dishonor" the most important name being the CIO. Under the heading CIO it is stated that "the CIO is a revolutionary movement—the creature and industrial arm of the Communist Party." These statements are falsehoods.

Kamp Made Anti-Semitism Pay

Kamp then adds that the charges made four years ago in his book, "Join the CIO and help build a Soviet America" are still true. The facts:

1. In 1937 Kamp published this book of which IN FACT readers have sent us copies. Fifth edition, last page, a reward of \$1,000 is offered "to anyone who can prove that a single charge made in this booklet is untrue."

2. Twenty lies and errors were found in this booklet by Labor Research Ass'n, and the reward asked. Kamp refused to pay, refused to make corrections. Labor Research sued, but was advised by attorney to drop suit because the judge of the court where suit was filed was found to be listed as one of main Conn sponsors of Kamp's Fascist league. Kamp has sponsors among the wealthiest and most powerful in politics. In the 1940 campaign one of the leading Willkie clubs, "We the People," ran full page ads offering books and pamphlets including one called "The Fifth Column in Washington" by Kamp. Kamp tries to make everyone in the New Deal a traitor. Now he himself is accused of running a Fifth Column organization.

Kamp, like all professional labor-fighters and Fascists, found that anti-Semitism pays. In 1937 he was merely fighting the CIO. The LaFollette Committee found that the NAM was buying his pamphlets by the ten thousand. In 1940 The Hour newsletter found that Kamp had become one of the leading peddlers of anti-Semitic literature. He was distributing a forgery in which Benjamin Franklin was supposed to slander the Jews. The forgery said the original was in the Franklin Institute, Philada. The Institute declared the Kamp piece a forgery. However, neither Kamp nor Coughlin nor Winrod ceased printing it. In 1940 also the CEL made an appeal to Wall St for funds. In a letter addressed to leaders in the financial district signed by J W Hughes, the claim is made that 2,200,000 copies of the anti-CIO pamphlet were distributed; that the CEL saved the Dies Committee by getting 4,000,000 signatures to petitions to Congress; that it had enlisted the aid of Nat'l Commander Spafford of the American Legion. Late in 1940 Winrod sent out letters wholesale addressed to "Dear Christian Friend" urging purchase of Kamp booklets and Col Sanctuary's anti-Semitic "The Talmud Unmasked." Winrod and Sanctuary have been indicted. Kamp and the leaders of American industry who supported him, GLK Smith, and other Fascist leaders, have not been indicted. Neither have the DuPont and General Motors representatives who signed the pact with Nazi Germany. Only small-fry Fascists have been jailed to date.

United Steel workers says this figure, according to May 1942 living costs, should be raised to \$2,211; [and the June-July raise in living costs, gas, canned goods, non-rationed commodities, makes the amount even higher.]

"It might interest the querulous editorial writer [also the brasscheck boys on Time who falsify the news against labor every week] to learn that the Temporary National Economic Committee's report conclusively showed that 80% of the 50,000,000 workers in the US earned less than \$2,000 in 1940, which, if we are to judge from corporate profits, was a very good year for management.

"Dep't of Labor statistics, as of March 1942, show that less than 50% of industrial workers earn \$30 a week. . . . Salaries, bonuses and commissions of management's top executives and corporate profits—after all taxes—are the highest in the nation's history.

"There are the facts to confute the home front Fascists who would have Mr and Mrs John Q Public believe it is the workers who are cleaning up as a result of the war effort."

The report of the Department of Labor this July shows 75% of the workers of America still making less than "health and decency standard" requires. The Dep't shows 71% paid less than \$40 a week, 50% do not earn a "bare subsistence" wage.

Truman on Cartels

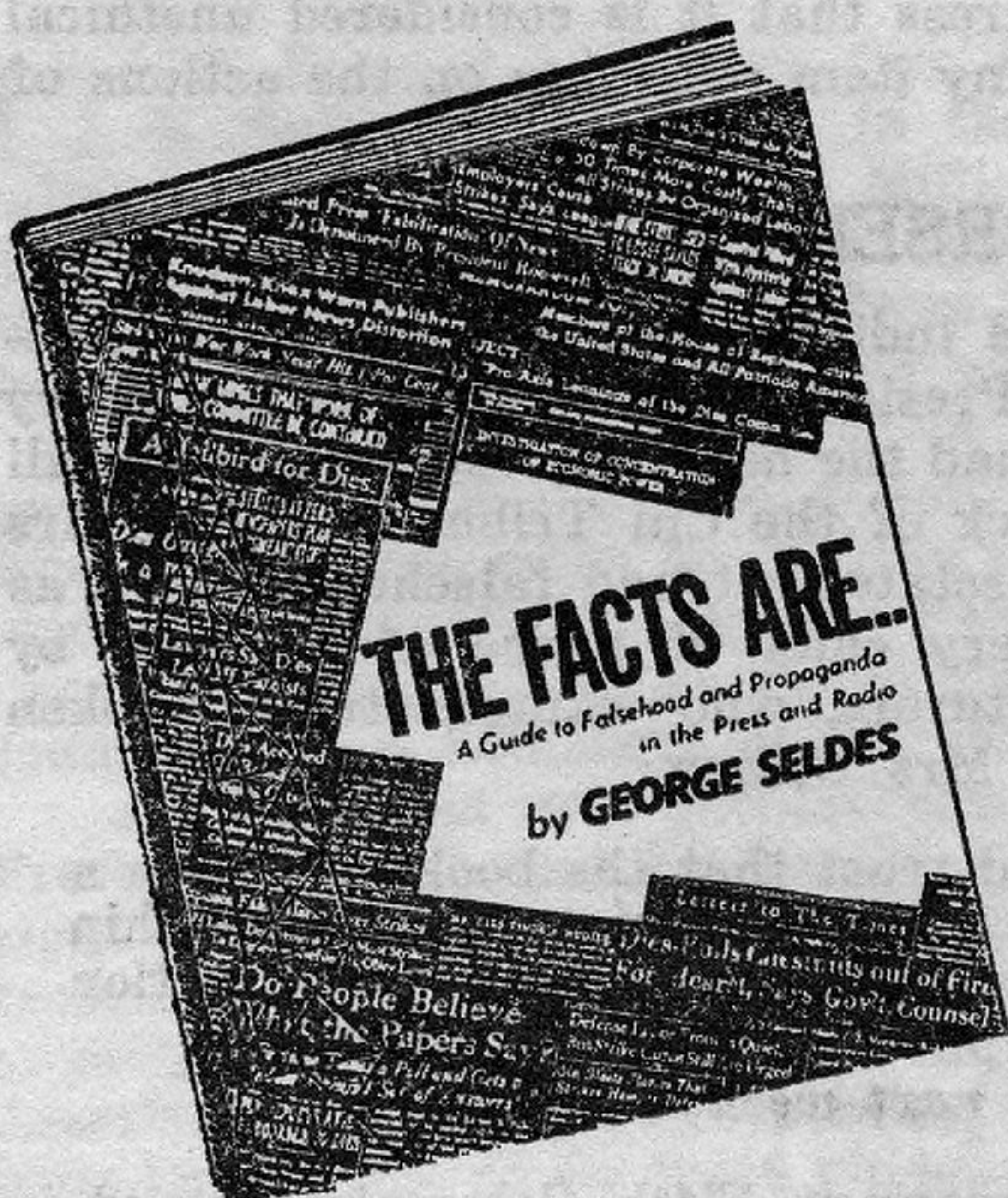
SEN TRUMAN (Dem, Mo), who said of the SO rubber cartel, "I still think it's treason," also said in addressing Railroad Telegraphers convention: "The cartel system has had a terrible effect on the US. One of the principal reasons for the failure of our private industry to develop synthetic rubber program with its own resources was the cartel arrangement between SO and IGF." Farben shared the monopoly but production in US was choked off. Equally damaging to our war effort, continued Sen Truman, was the similar deal between Alcoa and Farben. Likewise, the Steel Trust has been guilty of sabotaging our war program. "The present grave lack of steel," he added, "is the responsibility of the large steel companies which have sought to perpetuate their monopoly."

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